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TO: DIRECTOR, [redacted]

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1. [redacted] WHO ATTENDED DINNER PARTY 8 MAY AT HOME OF COLONEL [redacted] WERE STRUCK BY OPEN CONVERSATION OF MILITARY OFFICERS AND CERTAIN CIVILIANS OF APPROACHING CRISIS AND POSSIBILITY OF MILITARY COUP. DURING DINNER BRIG GENERAL [redacted]

[redacted] DEPLORED DETERIORATING SITUATION IN GENERAL AND TOLD GENERAL [redacted]

[redacted] THAT HE FELT [redacted] WOULD HAVE TO BE THE CATALYST TO GET THINGS MOVING. [redacted] AGREED WITH HIM.

[redacted] MAJORITY OF PDC MESA MEMBERS FAVOR IMPEACHMENT OF ENTIRE ALLENDE CABINET, THAT MESA DECISION TO GO AHEAD ON IMPEACHMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE MADE 8 MAY BUT NOT IMPLEMENTED UNTIL AFTER NEW CONGRESS SEATED 21 MAY. AND POINTING [redacted] HE SAID OBJECT OF [redacted]

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IMPEACHMENT MOVE IS TO GET MILITARY TO INTERVENE.

2. [REDACTED] COMMENTED OPENLY THAT IF MILITARY MOVES, THEY WILL HAVE TO STAY IN POWER TWO OR THREE YEARS. [REDACTED] GENERAL [REDACTED] SAID HE THOUGHT DECISIVE PERIOD WOULD BE FIRST PART OF JUNE. CHILEAN [REDACTED] (WHO CLOSE TO PDC AND P & L, AS WELL AS TO MILITARY OFFICERS) TOLD [REDACTED] HE IS HELPING DISTRIBUTE ARMS WHICH HAVE JUST ARRIVED FROM [REDACTED] THAT CRITICAL PERIOD WILL IN HIS ESTIMATION BE EARLY JUNE AND THAT QUESTION [REDACTED] IS NOW WRESTLING WITH IS HOW LONG THE MILITARY WOULD WANT TO REMAIN IN POWER BEFORE CALLING FOR AN ELECTION, NOT WHETHER PDC WOULD INITIALLY GO ALONG WITH A COUP.

3. TALK GOT COMPLETELY OUT OF HAND WHEN A CIVILIAN BEGAN CRITICIZING GENERAL CARLOS PRATS. [REDACTED] FELT OBLIGED TO REMIND THE CIVILIAN THAT PRATS WAS ARMY CINC AND THE CIVILIAN SHOULD HOLD HIS TONGUE. ABOVE BEING REPORTED TO GIVE HQS FLAVOR OF SOCIAL CONVERSATIONS TODAY IN CERTAIN CIRCLES IN SANTIAGO.

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